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SUBJECT: LTP - FY 2006 Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) Eligible Practice List and contract policy development

Purpose: To transmit an approved FY 2006 WHIP Eligible Practice List and to clarify policy on contract development.

Expiration Date: This bulletin expires September 30, 2006.

Attached is the approved list of Eligible Practices to be used in the 2006 Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP). This list will be used in the development of all 2006 WHIP Contracts.

Several Changes from last years cost list have been incorporated some of these are:

- Those practices which include planting or vegetative establishment have the cost of nutrients needed for plant establishment built into the cost of the practice. Planners should not couple these practices with practice 590 Nutrient Management. These practices include Critical Area Planting, Pond, Field Border, Riparian Herbaceous Cover, Filter Strip, Hedgerow Planting, Pasture and Hayland Planting, Tree and Shrub Establishment and Early Successional Habitat Development/Management.
- The cost for the tree and shrub establishment is simplified to include one cost for conifers and another for deciduous species. Tree shelters shall be a minimum of 5 feet tall and shall only be used on deciduous trees. Cost share is not authorized for nets on conifers.
- Some practices removed this year are: 329 Residue Management, No-Till and Strip Till; 392B Residue Management, Mulch Till; and 386 Field Borders, Woody Planted Component.
- All Fence and Use Exclusion practices are average cost with the exception of the electric fence charger component. Fence costs have been updated to reflect the average fence costs in the Local Workgroup EQIP cost lists. The fence components have been simplified to include only components for small animal fence, large animal fence, and fence charger.
- Field Borders, Riparian Herbaceous Cover, Filter Strip, Tree and Shrub Establishment and Early Successional Habitat Development/Management are all average cost.

- Nutrient Management should only be contracted for farm wildlife and then on limited areas which benefit target species.
- Practice Code 728 Stream Crossing has been changed to 578 to reflect a change in the Field Office Technical Guide.

Under a separate email you will receive an eligible practice list formatted for use with ToolKit.

If you have other questions or need additional assistance, please contact Herbert Andrick, ASTC-Programs at (304) 284-7560.

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Attachments: [FY 2006 Eligible Practice List](#)

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